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SUBJECT: POLISH MEDIA REACTION- PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. THE SECOND AND LAST DAY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT
TO POLAND GOT EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN WARSAW PRESS. TELEVISION
AND RADIO COVERAGE, ALTHOUGH NOT LIVE, FEATURED THE PRESIDENTS
VISIT TO OSWIECIM AND KRAKOW AS THE LEAD ITEM IN REGULAR NEWS-
CASTS, EMPHASIZING PARTICULARLY THE SPONTANEOUS ENTHUSIASM
OF KRAKOW RESIDENTS GREETING AND AMERICAN PRESIDENT FOR THE FIRST
TIME.

2. THE JULY 30 TRYBUNA LUDU (OFFICIAL PUWP CENTRAL
COMMITTEE ORGAN) AND ZYCIE WARSZAWY GAVE EQUAL
FRONT-PAGE SPACE TO THE VISIT AND TO COVERAGE OF THE OPENING
OF CSCE IN HELSINKI. A FRONT-PAGE ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL,
"ENCOUNTER WITH POLAND", STATED THAT, AFTER THE VISIT TO
OSWIECIM, SOME AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WILL UNDERSTAND BETTER THE
NEED FOR "THE DAY OF PEACE (JULY 30)" IN HELSINKI. THE ARTICLE
CONTINUED THAT PRESIDENT FORD, HAVING VISITED A REBUILT WARSAW,
HAVING SEEN THE LARGEST NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMP, AND HAVING
BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY GREETED BY THE CROWDS IN KRAKOW, WILL
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"GAIN A DEEPTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE". "THE

SPONTANEOUS MANIFESTATION OF THOUSANDS OF KRAKOW RESIDENTS
CONFIRMED THAT ANY HEAD OF STATE ARRIVING IN OUR COUNTRY WITH
PEACEFUL INTENTIONS....
IS WELCOMED HEARTILY". ZYGMUNT BRONIAREK COMMENTARY IN TRYBUNA
LUDU EMPHASIZED THAT "THE COURAGE IN PROGRAMMING" POLISH-
AMERICAN COOPERATION BY SECRETARY GIEREK UNDERLINED POLAND'S
SERIOUSNESS IN DEVELOPING BILATERAL TIES. THE PRESIDENT'S
VISIT TO POLAND GAVE EUROPE AND THE WORLD A "NEW STIMULUS"
TOWARD DETENTE", BRONIAREK ENDED.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE TEXTS OF ALL OFFICIAL SPEECHES AND
BILATERAL DOCUMENTS, THE WARSAW PRESS FEATURED FOREIGN MEDIA
REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THE CONNECTION TO THE CSCE
CONFERENCE WAS AGAIN REPEATED, AS WELL AS AMERICAN NETWORK
COVERAGE OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE BY KRAKOW RESIDENTS TO
THE PRESIDENT.
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